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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent. " "

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ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$21,000,000.

LONDON BANKERS:

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Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

## INSURANCES.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF

Her Majesty King George The First.

A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows: —

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £21,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-

PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept

Risks on First Class Godowns at 3 per cent. not premium per annum.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

DURING my temporary Absence from Hongkong, Mr. CHAS. D. HARMAN will represent the OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. CO. and the PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO. as ACTING AGENT.

F. E. FOSTER,

Hongkong, July 29, 1882. and

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has Admitted Mr. ARTHUR GEORGE STOKES into PARTNERSHIP from this date, and the Business in future will be conducted under the Style of "MORGAN & STOKES."

W. MORGAN,

Hongkong, August 1, 1882. and

### Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VERY HANDSOME AND VALUABLE ENGLISH, AMERICAN AND SHANGHAI-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, MIRRORS, PAINTINGS, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

### FRIDAY,

the 4th August, 1882, at 2 p.m., at No. 2, GAGE STREET.

### The whole of the

VERY HANDSOME AND VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., &c., comprising: —

SILK AND WOOL COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE; COTTAGE PIANO, by SCHWABE; VERY HANDSOME BRUSSELS CARPETS, quite new; LARGE GILT MANTLE MIRRORS, BOMBAY-CARVED WHATNOT, MARBLE-TOP TABLE, ENGLISH-MADE CHIPONIER PLATE-GLASS BACK AND DOORS, WATER COLOR, OIL PAINTINGS, CHROMOS, ENGRAVINGS.

SATIN AND YEDDO VASES, STATUETTES, ORNAMENTS, CRYSTAL AND BRONZE GAZA LIES, &c., &c.

MARBLE-TOP TEAK SIDEBOARD, PLATE-GLASS BACK SOLID MAHOGANY EXTENSION DINING TABLE, CHAIRS, PINE AND GOLD-EMBOSSED DINNER SET, complete; TURQUOISE AND GOLD DESERT SET, GLASS AND PLATED WARE, CUTLERY, &c., &c.

VERY HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITE, quite new, made by MESSRS. HALL & HOLT, Shanghai, comprising: WALNUT AND MARBLE-EMBOSSED BEDROOM, WITH SPRING MATTRESS, &c., CHEST OF DRAWERS, DRESSING TABLE, WITH MIRROR AND WARDROBE TO MATCH; AMERICAN SOLID MAHOGANY BEDROOM; AMERICAN WALNUT MARBLE-EMBOSSED BEDROOM STAND AND DRESSING TABLE; WALNUT BEDROOM; PLATE-GLASS BACK; SILK AND WOOL COVERED COUCH AND EASY CHAIRS, HANDSOME LACE CURTAINS, BRASS POLES; DOUBLE WASHING SET, SHANGHAI BATH, LAST NIGHT'S EVENING CHAIRS, AMERICAN COOKING STOVE, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the Articles will be on view on Thursday, the 3rd August.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 25, 1882. and

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, at 3 p.m. on

### FRIDAY,

the 4th August, 1882, on the Premises, BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE—

THE FOLLOWING PIECES OF GROUND.

To be Sold in Two separate Lots.

1st Lot.—All that Piece of PARCEL of GROUND being a part of SECTION E of SECTION B of MARINE LOT No. 37, and having an area of 1,190 square feet. On the said Piece of Ground is erected the HOUSE known as No. 66, PEAK WEST.

2nd Lot.—All that Piece of PARCEL of GROUND being another part of SECTION E of SECTION B of MARINE LOT No. 37, and part of SECTION F of SECTION B of MARINE LOT No. 37, having an area of 1,171 square feet. On the said Piece of Ground is erected the HOUSE known as No. 67, PEAK WEST.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale and Plans, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON, Solicitors for the Mortgagors;

or to

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, August 1, 1882. and

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

### MONDAY,

the 7th August, 1882, at 3 p.m., on the Premises,

BY ORDER OF A MORTGAGEE—

ALL THAT PIECE OF PARCEL OF

G. B. O. N. D.

Registered in the Land Office as SECTION E of MARINE LOT No. 6, together with the 2 HOUSES in JEVONS STREET, Nos. 5 and 7.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 28, 1882. and

FOR SALE.

Colonial Newspaper & Commis-

sion Agent;

11, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street,

LONDON.

THE Colonial Press supplied with News-

papers, Books, Types, Ink, Preases,

Papers, Correspondents, Letters; and any European Goods on London terms.

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Colonial Newspapers received at the office

regularly filed for the inspection of

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Apply to

OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE Received for their NEW FURNISHING DEPARTMENT, A FULL STOCK OF HOUSEHOLD LINEN, &c., comprising: —

COTTON and LINEN SHEETING.

PILLOW LINEN.

TABLE CLOTHES and DAMASK.

COTTON and UNION TICKING.

BED QUILTS.

NAPKINS.

TOILET COVERS.

GLASS CLOTH.

TOWELS AND TOWELLING OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

&c., &c., &c.

ESTIMATES GIVEN, for FURNITURE,

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
No. 53, Queen's Road, East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMERCIAL),  
ARE NOW LANDING, EX  
BRITISH BARQUE  
"STILLWATER."

DEVÖE'S NONPARIEL  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,  
150° test.

SPARTAN COOKING  
STOVES.

FAIRBANKS SCALES  
OAKUM  
TAR  
TURPENTINE.

EX "AMERICAN MATE."

CALIFORNIA  
RACKER  
CUTTS in 5 lb.  
CORNMEAL  
OATS  
Linen Sweet Mixed  
BISCUITS.

Gr. of CAKES.  
SOFT BISCUITS.  
OATMEAL BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL  
HOMINY  
CORNMEAL.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.  
Eastern and California CHEESE.  
Boneless CODFISH.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.  
Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kgs and pieces  
Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lbs cans.

Cutting's Dessert Fruits in 2½ lb cans.  
Assorted Game-VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausages  
MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in original Frames.

Richardson & Robins' Celebrated  
MEATS.

Richardson & Robins' Curried OYSTERS

"Lunch TOOTIE"

McGarry's Super LEMONADE

Cream CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2½ lbs cans.

&c., &c., &c.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,  
including:

TEYSONNEAU'S DÉSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

COCAOTINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIEBES & EFFE'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

PAPE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

SAUSAGES.

BRAWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

HEDDICK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE  
SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, " "

1822 GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACCOONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

THILLO.

SACCOONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 and 3/4 ozs HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BRUSQ D'OURO & Co.'s BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KRATHUM WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURAÇAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE  
BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

G I G A R S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY, 15 to  
25 cents.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAFES and CASH BOXES, at  
Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

## Mails.

NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
STREAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMIAILIA,  
PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,  
NAPLES, MARSEILLE, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA.

ALSO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON THURSDAY, the 10th of August, 1882, at Noon, the Company's S. S. NATAL, Commanded DIDER, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon of 9th August, 1882.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 9th August, 1882. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required for further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1882.

## Insurances.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted for first Class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, August 3, 1882.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY and TAMSIU.

The Steamship

"Hailong,"

Capt. F. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 4th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,

Hongkong, August 3, 1882.

and

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

The *N. C. Daily News* has not been fortunate in its reply to our last remarks on the Chinese title of the Queen of England. It writes:—"We only wish point out one slight difference which our excellent contemporary has overlooked. The Chinese King is called **君主** simply; the Queen of England is styled in the treaties **大英大君主**. The above is wholly inaccurate. The Chinese King is not in the American Treaty called **君主** simply; he is called **大朝鲜國君主** (see *Shan-pao* of 10th June last). The Queen of England is not styled in the treaties **大英大君主**; Her Majesty is styled **大英國君主**, both in the Treaty of Nanking and the Treaty of Tientsin. As Mayers rightly points out, it was only at the convention of Peking that the **大** was inserted. The "slight difference" does not therefore exist. Our contemporary refers to *Mayers' Chinese Government*, page 124: we refer him to the same excellent Manual, page 120.

CONSIDERABLE interest attaches to the question of Russia's being able to obtain a coal supply for her wants on the Pacific Station. Some time ago we stated that a concession of 4 verats had been made by the Russian Government to Mr. S. J. Morris, C.E., for the purpose of opening up coal mines at Sedimi, near Vladivostock. Previous to the grant being made, trials of the coal were made on board Russian steamers with fairly satisfactory results. It is said that considerable progress has been made in the preliminary operations, and a large output of coal is anticipated. The mines are on the western shore of the Amur Bay, in Sedimi Valley, about thirteen miles from the port of Sedimi, which is about twenty miles distant from Vladivostock. The main veins lie on the hill side at a height of 900 feet above sea level, and can be worked by adits. Should the mines prove to be as successful as anticipated, Russia will have gained materially in the strength of her position in the Pacific, by having a good supply of coal close to her hand; and, as we previously remarked, the results which may follow from this ought to be carefully marked by the British Officials.

To those who wish to get ahead of Old Time the vicinities of a German Astrologist may be of some use. Poor Turkey is going to have a busy time of it. The oracle said that in July "Mars enters the sign of Virgo, disturbing Turkey and Paris, while there will be bloodshed in India." We doubt that Turkey and Paris have been disturbed; the bloodshed in India is an ambiguous and safe statement. The prophet further predicts:—"In August Mars and Uranus will both be located in the sign of Virgo, the feet of Turkey will be numerous, great excitement in Paris, and troubles in India. The Crown Prince of Germany will gain by the transit of Jupiter; trouble for Austria. In September the position of Saturn and Taurus indicates embarrassments to the present Government—very critical for Ireland. December will witness stirring events in the East, in London, and in Paris. Though Turkey will previously be torn by strife, she will in this month settle down under a new order of laws, which, in the end, will benefit her as a nation. Earthquakes will be numerous, and the prophecy concludes with the cheering declaration that 'England will, at last, regain her old prestige.'

At the Kennington Oval last week a cricket match between a Gentleman-of-England eleven and the Australian team was commenced. The Australians won the toss and went in first. Rain interfered considerably with the play, and at the call of time the first innings of the visitors was not concluded, the score standing at 132 for four wickets. The second day's play was witnessed by 20,000 persons. The match resulted in the victory of the Australians by a single innings with a run to spare, they having scored three hundred and thirty-four against the one hundred and fifty-one made by the Gentlemen. The match is remarkable in showing the value of good bowling and fielding. In these meetings but one of the Australian batsmen clean bowled—two were out leg before wicket, and the others were caught out. Of the Gentlemen of England in the first innings four were in the second three, who clean bowled, showing their superiority in the matter of bowling. The colonists have proved themselves.—*L. & C. Express.*

population of 4,000 there were twenty-six deaths from alcoholic poisoning, whilst in a population of 300,000 Chinese there were but three deaths from the same cause. This proves what I have shown in my recent lectures, viz., what an extremely temperate people the Chinese are, even when living at a distance from their own country amongst a population of Europeans, Indians, and Malays, many of whom are not over temperate in their habits. "Strikes" further point to that there amongst the same Chinese population five cases of poisonings by opium, but he has omitted to show that there were not the result of *opium smoking*, as some perhaps might infer, but were simply cases of suicide by the *eating of poisonous doses of the drug*, which being the usual mode of self-destruction amongst the Chinese, especially females of the unfortunate class. Suicide by opium smoking is unknown in China and the Straits, and, as I believe, a physical impossibility.

SUPREME COURT.  
IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.  
(Before Sir G. Phillips, Chief Justice.)

Thursday, August 3.

CHU KU TONG v. HO YIK CHU, \$148.13.—

JUDGMENT.

This case was heard some time ago. The plaintiff was the master of the *Young Lee* European goods shop, Queen's Road Central, and had a branch shop a Manila, to which he imported silver from Hongkong, and by buying bills of exchange he made a profit. The owner was impeached by means of the defendant, who was a steward on board the *Emerson*, which traded between Hongkong and Manila, and an interpreter attached to the Customs at Manila; the former of the two received one per cent, and the latter two per cent, from the plaintiff. On one of his trips to Manila the defendant purchased a bill of exchange for \$400, paying \$320 at the time, and promising to pay the other \$200 in a day or two. The defendant cashed the bill in the plaintiff's shop at Hongkong, but the plaintiff alleged that the defendant had only paid \$65.50 of the latter \$200, and that above claim was the balance of that sum and commission thereon. The defendant, on the other hand, alleged that the whole amount had been paid to the interpreter of the Customs at Manila, who was the plaintiff's authorized agent. For the defense it was also contended that it was a smuggling transaction, and therefore illegal.

In giving judgment for the plaintiff, His Lordship said there was no evidence to show whether it was a smuggling transaction or not, and, though he believed the defendant had paid the money to the interpreter, he thought he must suffer the loss, as His Lordship did not think that the plaintiff would agree to be responsible for the money so soon as it was handed over to the interpreter by the defendant. The defendant might recover from the interpreter.

Mr. Mossop, of Messrs. Denison and Mossop, appeared for the plaintiff; and the Hon. Ng Choy represented the defendant.

KUM HOI TONG v. LU KUM CHEUN, \$1000.—

JUDGMENT.

This case was also heard some time ago, and the above was claimed by the plaintiff as the brokerage on the sale of eleven houses in Queen's Road West. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant had purchased the property, through the plaintiff's agency, from Sin Siu and Wong Tsuk Lam, for the sum of \$10,000. This transaction fell through, however, and Sin Siu and Wong Tsuk Lam, who had not become owners themselves, absolved the defendant from his contract with them on the understanding that he would take over the property from the original owner, Kwok Ying Kai, for \$73,000. This the defendant did, agreeing, the plaintiff alleged, to pay the entire brokerage himself; the first agreement had been that the vendors were to pay one half of the brokerage, and the other half was to be paid by the purchaser. The defendant alleged that he had bought the property on the condition that if he did so, the plaintiff would resell it for him at a profit, which being done the plaintiff will kindly grant the clerk of the weather "Special Permit" for comfortable meteorological arrangements free of charge. These are quite a fleet of sailing vessels in port, so that the aquatic sports promise fair to become a great success. Captain Lyle and Messrs. Sietas & Company are preparing some of their large water boats for the accommodation of their numerous friends and the general public; there will also be a hospitable reception on board the Imperial Chinese Revenue Cruiser *Ling-feng*, for the ladies; the Club has generously placed their fine verandah at the disposal of the public. The R. C. *Ling-feng* will be the "flagship." It appears that some men-of-war people would do well to take a leaf out of the book of the commander of the *Ling-feng*, who seems to understand the art of mooring his vessel in a convenient and safe berth, "ship shape and Bristol fashion," without interfering with the anchorage of merchant vessels; for instance the false report that a certain American steam clipper ship was leading bales for New York would never have been started, if the vessel in question had not been dung along for some time now in the merchant steamer anchorage, *at single anchor* taking up the room of about two ordinary traders, not without inconvenience to some of them. It must be thankfully acknowledged that excellent order is kept amongst the merchant vessels visiting this port, by our attentive and worthy harbour-master; but of course the warriors of some treaty powers may have the privilege of consulting their own pleasure only.

A NEW COMER IN TROUBLE.

(From a Correspondent.)

On the 17th instant, the I.C. iron-clad gunboat *Chen Peu*, Captain Chin Chung Yeh, arrived in port from Port Arthur (or Port Li) with H. E. Sung on board, who is to inspect the new fortifications of this port. On the 20th inst., the I.C. gunboat *My Yuen* arrived from the same station, with the wife and family of His Excellency. Another late arrival, and welcome addition to our small foreign community is Dr. Morrison, of Edinburgh, who will take over, I believe, the practice of our much-respected medical officer of the port, Dr. Watson; the latter proposing to go home, next fall, for a holiday. Dr. Watson has quite recovered now from the accident, which occurred to him recently, when he broke his starboard collar bone, being thrown by a pony. Dr. Hunter, of the Irish Medical Mission, kindly looked after Dr. Watson's patients, while the latter was laid up. The ancestor of Dr. Watson's stethos was a cousin to the pony which Gengis Khan used to ride, when he conquered China about half a dozen centuries ago; there are many more such high-spirited animals in this province; in case any of your porters should wish to give their collar bone a fair trial, let them order a consignment of griffins from this port; a number of splendid ponies are now on the premises of Messrs. Bandinel & Co. for sale or hire. The pilot who was suspended some time ago by the harbour-master for disobedience of orders and insolence (he refused to take up a berth assigned to him and insulted the harbour-master in his office) is still piloting on the strength of a license issued to him by his Consul, in open defiance of the properly-constituted harbour authorities; the pilot in question is a Dane, and Denmark is a petty kingdom, if I recollect rightly, in the Scandinavian North of Europe, with less than

one nation of such a business, and the

Russian Company. In case of political difficulties with Russia, the Southern line would assuredly be broken and diplomatic telegrams necessarily could not be sent through Russia. It is curious that the Chinese themselves did not see the advantage they might labour under by giving a monopoly to the Russian line. At the General Meeting at Copenhagen the Chairman, Mr. C. F. Tietgen, "regretted to find that the advantages gained in China by the Russian line had given rise to a certain feeling of dissatisfaction among persons of other nationalities residing in China, and that even diplomatic missions had to have been obtained in order to oppose the company's interests. Hitherto the latter had been without avail." In the latter section we are happy to believe that Mr. Tietgen is mistaken. His contract should be carried out; it would be of course in the contradiction to the most favoured nation clause of the treaties. As we differ from Mr. Tietgen's further remarks that "no doubt the antagonistic feelings would disappear as soon as it became evident that the privileges accorded to the company resulted in advantage to the opponents themselves, and to the world at large," we take the opportunity of renewing a proposal we have made before—that the merchants connected with China should lay an independent cable from Shanghai to Hongkong themselves; we should do the capital would be easily subscribed here, in Hongkong and London, and in 1891 the line would be readily taken over by the Eastern Extension Company.

Some alternatives to a cable naturally suggest themselves; one would be a land line from Shanghai to Kowloon, a proposal which would present the disadvantage of being under the control of the Chinese. Another would be the establishment of a land line from Tientsin to Kalgan, which would gain an immense advantage over any competing line from its cheapness; and the charges over the Russian lines being so low as to enable the telegrams to be sent at a much lower rate than by any cable. At present we get no advantage in Shanghai from the cheapness of the Russian tariff. But whatever its economy it would present the double disadvantage of the Chinese and Russian control. We know already the disadvantage of Chinese control of the telegraph from the instance of the detention in 1870 of Sir Thomas Wade's telegraph addressing the Tientsin Massacre (an event which we believe is established by sufficient historical evidence, although it is considered by some to be a mere legend), and the difficulty of laying upon such by-gones as by-gones, and relate them to the domain of tradition at the telegraph station at Kiesha for ten days. The objections to having our telegraphic communications under Russian control in certain contingencies are obvious, to Englishmen at any rate. On the whole, therefore, it would be advisable to lay an English submarine cable from here to Hongkong.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO.

To the Editor of the

North China Daily News.

SIR, The *Shanghai Mercury* in a leading article on the 24th inst. complains of the Submarine Telegraph Service of Shanghai, and as one of a few other Shanghai newspapers have done, the Mercury seems to indicate that the Great Northern Telegraph Company is a Russian undertaking. I am at a loss to understand from where the Mercury and the other papers derive this information, as the Company has always been a Danish enterprise, and as its agents here are, however, erroneous and absurd, sometimes find themselves unless contradicted, I beg to lay before your readers a few substantial facts which will show the utter absurdity of the above insinuation. To begin with, the undertaking is not at all a Russian, but a purely Danish one. The Company was formed exclusively by Danes, the Board of Directors has always been, and is still entirely composed of Danes, the Head Office at Copenhagen and the Company are subject to Danish laws and jurisdiction.

The following article appears in the *Shanghai Mercury*, and in reply to it the letter we append appeared in the *N.C. D. News*:

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Ulysses (s.), At Cardiff, At Corby.

Priam (s.), At Glasgow, From Whampoa, For London.—None.

Dora, At Cardiff, At Gloucester, From Whampoa, For London.—None.

Verazza (s.), At Liverpool, From Whampoa, For London.—None.

DEPARTURES.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.

Oxfordshire. Hartar, Kwangtung.

Sailing Vessels.

Tyburnia, At Liverpool, Iquique.

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Priam (s.), At Glasgow, From Whampoa, For London.—None.

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